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(2108/51)***IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE*****APPELLANTS:** Albert et al.**SERIAL NO.:** 09/432,343**GROUP NO.:** 2673**FILING DATE:** November 2, 1999**EXAMINER:** Amare Mengistu**TITLE:** Broadcast System for Electronic Ink Signs

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**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a) AND
CONDITIONAL EXPRESS ABANDONMENT**

This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a reply in the present application by three months, up to and including December 9, 2003. A check for a three-month extension fee under 37 CFR 1.17(a)(3)) in the amount of \$950 is submitted herewith.

Pursuant to M.P.E.P. 710.02(e), Applicants hereby inform of their intention to file a continuing application under 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b) on or before December 9, 2003, in lieu of the reply in the present application, and hereby expressly abandon the present application conditioned upon the granting of the petition and the granting of a filing date to the continuing application.

Applicants believe that no additional fee is due. However, please consider this a conditional petition for the proper extension, if one is required, and a conditional authorization to charge any related extension fees or other fees necessary to Deposit Account No. 20-0531.

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